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SUBJECT: RWANDAN AMBASSADOR HABIMANA PLEADS FOR CEASE
FIRE AND QUICK UNAMIR BUILDUP

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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. OVER LUNCH WITH CHARGE JUNE 2, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR CYPRIEN HABIMANA (PROTECT) EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN DOING WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL JUNE 6 REGIONAL SUMMIT IN NAIROBI TO BE HOSTED BY PRESIDENT MOI.
3. HABIMANA SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE TWO TOP

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PRIORITIES ARE A CEASE FIRE AND A QUICK REDUCTION OF
FORCES TO THE LEVEL DESIRED BY GENERAL DALLAIRE
(REFTEL). HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO EXPRESS
THIS VIEW TO THE GOK, NOTING THAT HE WAS UNCERTAIN
EXACTLY HOW THE TALKS JUNE 6 WOULD BE MANAGED. HE SAID
LAMELY THAT NO ONE FROM THE GOR HAS BEEN INVITED.

4. HABIMANA REMAINS IN TOUCH WITH THE GOR IN BOTH
KIGALI AND GITARAMA VIA SATELLITE TELEPHONE
COMMUNICATIONS. HE SAYS THE GOR NORMALLY TRIES TO
COMMUNICATE WITH HIM TWICE A DAY. HE SAID THE GOR ALSO
USES A FEW MOBILE SATELLITE TELEPHONES.

5. GOING OVER SOME OF THE SAME GROUND ON A POSSIBLE
PEACE SCENARIO AS IN PARA 16 REFTEL, HABIMANA MADE
SEVERAL POINTS:

A) MOST OF THE EXHILED MODERATE HUTUS, NO MATTER HOW
WELL INTENTIONED, DO NOT HAVE A POLITICAL BASE IN
RWANDA. NOTHING THEY NEGOTIATE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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B) THE GOR LEADERSHIP IS NOT/NOT READY TO ADMIT IT HAS
PERPETRATED A POLICY OF GENOCIDE, NOR IS IT YET WILLING
TO STEP ASIDE FOR MODERATES/REALISTS IN THE ARMY TO TAKE
THE LEAD IN A CEASE FIRE AND EVENTUAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

C) DESPITE THIS RELUCTANCE, THE GOR LEADERSHIP MAY BE
WILLING TO DESIGNATE ARMY COMMANDER BIZIMUNGU TO LEAD
TALKS PROVIDED THIS IS CAREFULLY ENGINEERED TO AVOID OR
AT LEAST MINIMIZE THE PERCEPTION THAT THE RPF HAS
DICTATED THE COMPOSITION OF THE RWANDAN NEGOTIATING
TEAM. A POSSIBLE FORMULA IS TO LET BIZIMUNGU HANDLE THE
NEGOTIATIONS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOR AND IN
CONSULTATION WITH IT.

D) FEAR IS AS MUCH OF A FACTOR AS EXTREMIST LEADERSHIP,
AND THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE WIDESPREAD MOVEMENT OF
POPULATIONS FLEEING ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. WHAT IS
DESPERATELY NEEDED, HABIMANA SAID, IS SOME SIGN THAT
HELP IS ON THE WAY. OTHERWISE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO
FLEE IN DESPAIR AND DISARRAY, OVERWHELMING ALL ATTEMPTS
TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

6. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, HABIMANA SAID THAT HE HAD

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RECEIVED NEWS THAT HIS WIFE'S FAMILY, ALL TUTSI, HAD
BEEN WIPED OUT. HABIMANA HIMSELF, A HUTU, HAS NOT HEARD
FROM ANY OF HIS CLOSE RELATIVES BUT BELIEVES THEY HAVE
FLED THE ADVANCING RPF. AS HEAD OF A MIXED FAMILY,
HABIMANA SAID EXTREMISTS ON BOTH SIDES ARE A THREAT.
DEEPLY TROUBLED AND DEPRESSED BY EVENTS IN HIS COUNTRY,
HABIMANA PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXCESSES COMMITTED
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BY HUTUS, BUT HE BELIEVES THAT TUTSIS MUST ALSO BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE. SOUTHWICK##

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